

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1731

Introduced by Assembly Member Perea

February 14, 2014

An act to add Section 10544.5 to the Water Code, relating to water resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1731, as introduced, Perea. Integrated regional water management plans: funding: disadvantaged communities.

Existing law, the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act, authorizes a regional water management group, as defined, to prepare and adopt an integrated regional water management plan. The act requires an integrated regional water management plan to address specified water quality and supply matters.

Existing law, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, an initiative bond act approved by the voters as Proposition 84 at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election, authorized the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,388,000,000 for the purposes of financing a safe drinking water, water quality and supply, flood control, and resource protection program. Existing law, with regard to these bond funds, appropriates \$181,791,000 to the Department of Water Resources for integrated regional water management activities, and requires, for certain of those funds, that the department allocate not less than 10% to facilitate and support the participation of disadvantaged communities in integrated regional water management planning and for projects that address critical water supply or water quality needs for disadvantaged communities.

This bill would require in each integrated regional water management region that not less than 10% of any funding for integrated regional water management planning purposes be used to facilitate and support the participation of disadvantaged communities in integrated regional water management planning and for projects that address critical water supply or water quality needs for disadvantaged communities.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 10544.5 is added to the Water Code, to
2 read:
3 10544.5. In each integrated regional water management region,
4 not less than 10 percent of any funding for the purposes of this
5 part shall be used to facilitate and support the participation of
6 disadvantaged communities in integrated regional water
7 management planning and for projects that address critical water
8 supply or water quality needs for disadvantaged communities.